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Founders were issuers rather than RL so RL could be a user not an issuer. Founders assumed risk of bring issuers which persists today. This protected RL and was a key pt in our first convertible note w investors like [REDACTED] 0% was comp for founders personally assuming this risk.

Also, analysis from Perkins Coie was that investors and employees could not receive XRP, could risk SEC designation of a security. Only founders could - Jed, Arthur and me.

Further - post march 2013 FinCEN guidance - the RL designation as a user rather than issuer is and continues to be key - reducing risk to RL holders like Jesse - increasing risk to founders/ issuers.

Further, the ledger was reset hundreds of times leading up to public launch in dec 2012 - nonetheless, the ledger simply reflects property ownership of XRP which was founders 20%, RL 80%.

Hope that helps.

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> On May 26, 2014, at 12:50 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

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> So, just to get it straight -- what was the reason the founders kept 20% instead of giving it all to RL?